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Re:

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Appl. No. 09/721,508; Filed: November 22, 2000

For: Hi

High Throughput Screening Assay Systems in

Microscale Fluidic Devices

Inventors:

Parce et al.

Our Ref:

2052.0020006/LEA/EDH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Brief on Appeal Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.192;
- 3. Request for Oral Hearing 37 C.F.R. 1.17(d);
- 4. Amendment & Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
- 5. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing a charge in the amount of \$600.00 to cover:

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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